

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Applicable RPD Policy and Procedures
Personnel Complaint Policy

Rationale for the Policy Recommendation:

As a result of an investigation into a citizen's complaint, it was found that officers, from time to time, meet one-on-one with members of the opposite sex for purposes of interviewing, taking photographs, or other official purposes. When officers meet one-on-one like that, they are exposed to accusations of misconduct that may or may not have occurred. While the Commission recognizes that one-on-one exchanges cannot always be avoided, it is believed that steps should be taken to remind officers to try and avoid placing themselves in a compromising position.

Policy Recommendation:

1. The Commission believes that the Department should modify all existing policies that pertain to interviewing victims or witnesses or photographing them to remind officers that, whenever possible, they should have another officer or a family member present to avoid being placed in a compromising situation. If modifying the policy and procedures to include this admonishment is deemed impractical, the Commission asks that the Department make the admonishment via roll call training or a training bulletin.

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Community Police Review Commission